

# TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

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## Challenges, Opportunities & Change

There is so much to share this month! It has been exciting to connect with teacher-librarians, principals, and superintendents who have made significant efforts to create thriving and engaging school libraries. You will see some examples of just a few of the big changes occurring around the state in this edition.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming MEA-MFT Conference here in Helena. There are great workshops and meetings to help each of us overcome challenges, take advantage of opportunities, and roll with the changes that new laws, new ideas, and new school years bring.

My challenge to you this year is to look beyond the tasks and activities that make up our day-to-day lives and account for the impact you make—the impact that changes the course of a life or just makes someone's day. The stories that you can tell about how you are making a difference need to be shared! Send me your stories, photos, and great ideas to share in the upcoming newsletters or join the Montana Teacher-Librarian Online PLC (details on page 5).

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For more information and resources, visit the Montana Teacher-Librarian site at <http://tiny.cc/MTTL>. You can take courses developed by Colet on the OPI Teacher Learning Hub <http://opi.mt.gov/learninghub>, follow her on Twitter (@cbartow), and make friends on Facebook, LinkedIn or Google+. Her first computer was a Radio Shack TRS-80 and first held a library job in third grade.



Pickled Green Beans! In a Makerspace? Yes! - Photo by Dana Carmichael

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## Social Media Tidbits



- Matt Renwick @ReadByExample [My Current Thinking on Library Media Specialists and 21st Century Learning](#) #satchat #MakerEd #edtech #litlead
- Randy Ziegenfuss @ziegeran [The 1 action educators must take to fuel the shift to #inquiry](#) #digilead #suptchat
- Ted Fujimoto @tedfujimoto [Why Students Should Take the Lead in Parent-Teacher Conferences](#) #deeperlearning #edchat #pblchat #stemed #edpolicy
- Lee Anna Stirling @LeeAnnaStirling [Arts-Infused Project-Based Learning: Crafting Beautiful Work](#) #deeperlearning #interdisciplinary #artsed
- Keith W. O'Neal @iTeachLipscomb [100 Montana Educators 2 Follow](#) #eduFollowChallenge

## Teacher Learning Hub

As you plan your professional development for this year, consider taking online courses on the Teacher Learning Hub! We offer self-paced and facilitated courses. The Hub issued more than 10,000 renewal units over the past year and has tons of new courses in development.

—[opi.mt.gov/learninghub](http://opi.mt.gov/learninghub)

## OPI Professional Learning Opportunities Portal

Don't forget to check out the Portal (your go-to professional learning calendar) for workshops, online learning, and events.

—[mtplportal.org](http://mtplportal.org)



Little Free Library—Near Bigfork, MT—  
Photo by Charlene Porsild

## Connect & Join

- [Montana Library Association](#) Take advantage of special membership rates for teacher-librarians, \$40.00. You can also renew or become a new member when registering for the MEA-MFT Educators' Conference.
- [Montana Council for Computers and Technology in Education](#) MCCE is a professional educational curriculum organization that is comprised of teachers and stakeholders who are interested in technology involvement in education. annual membership: \$15.00.

# Genre-fying the Spartan Library

The [Spartan Library](#) in Baker, Montana has undergone a major transformation. Diane Van Gorden, teacher-librarian, spent the summer reorganizing the library into genres.

Diane says “It’s working! Lots of kids have already picked out the section that has the kind of books they like to read. My kiddos that get sent down from class to find a book on reading day spend much less time aimlessly wandering. Most of my western readers still only read Louis L’Amour, but I am gaining check-out by check-out with other western authors.”



BEFORE —Baker Public Schools. Photo by Diane Van Gorden



Genre-fied Spartan Library—Baker Public Schools. Photo by Diane Van Gorden



AFTER Spartan Library—Baker Public Schools. Photo by Diane Van Gorden



**MEA-MFT  
Educators  
Conference  
October 20-21  
Helena, MT**

**Montana Library  
Association Sessions**

- Candace Fleming  
Keynote (w/MATELA)
- Montana School  
Libraries eBook  
Meeting
- Battle of the Books  
Montana!
- Books, worms,  
apples, science and  
libraries!
- Protecting and  
Defending Schools'  
books.
- MLA SLD Round  
Table
- Explore, Learn,  
Create: Hands On  
Teen Engagement
- Teen Health &  
Wellness & the New  
Health Standards

Go to [mea-mft.org](http://mea-mft.org) for  
registration and session  
information.

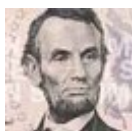
**“When the going gets  
tough, the tough get a  
librarian.” – Joan Bauer**

## **Government Resources Spotlight—**by Susanne Caro, UM Mansfield Library

What: Economics and Personal Finance Education Resources  
Subject: Financial Literacy  
Grade: K-College

Do you need financial literacy resources? The Fed has you covered! To be more specific the [Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis](http://www.federalreserve.org) has resources for teachers, students and consumers in general. The site includes videos, podcasts, webinars, and lesson plans that tie discussions and activities on finance to children's books or real-life issues such as picking a college. There are even full classes available.

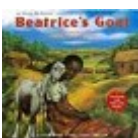
The Federal Reserve also offers teacher professional development resources. Here are a few examples of what you can find at the site.



[Abraham Lincoln and the \\$5 Note Lesson for Grades 5-8](#)



[Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday Lesson for Grades K-2](#)



[Beatrice's Goat Lesson for Grades 3-5](#)

- [Banks and Alternatives - Personal Finance 101 Conversations, Episode 19](#)
- [Budgeting 101 Online Course for Teachers and Students](#)
- [Economic Lowdown Podcast Series](#) (High School)

For more information [contact your local federal depository](#)

## Grant Contact:

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Grant applications will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Project is significant to the intended audience.
- Project enhances the larger Montana Memory Project, per goals as outlined in the MMP Strategic Plan.
- Grant funding is important to the project.

Notification of awards will be made in December 2016.



The Montana State Library has \$6,000 in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds available for adding special collections to the Montana Memory Project (MMP). Funding awards can be up to \$1,500 per project and must be used for costs specific to scanning and digitizing materials. No match is required, but libraries are asked to track the time and funds contributed to the project.

All Montana libraries are eligible to apply for these funds. Museums, historical societies, and archives in the state may also apply to have collections added to the MMP working in partnership with a local library. The Project Funding award will be made to the partner library.

[Project Funding Applications](#) will be accepted until November 30, 2016. Selection of projects receiving funding will be done by the MMP selection committee. Please see the Project Funding Application Form for selection criteria. The Project Funding Application is separate from the MMP Collection Application submitted by all contributing institutions for each collection. You can find the Collection Application and all other [MMP materials here](#).

The LSTA Project Funding awards **can** be used for the following:

⇒ Paying a vendor for scanning collection materials

The library will arrange to have digitization done using a central vendor working with MSL.

The LSTA Project Funding awards **cannot** be used for:

⇒ purchasing equipment

⇒ paying for an employee's time

Requirements for Project Funding:

- Libraries must submit an [MMP Collection Application](#) and receive approval from the MMP selection committee before November 15, 2016.
- A Project Funding Application must be submitted by November 30, 2016.
- The metadata spreadsheet must be filled in with the basic collection information prior to items being shipped to the vendor of digitization.
- The project must be shipped to the vendor for digitization no later than March 15, 2017.
- All project funds must be expended by September 15, 2017.
- At the end of the project, the library will submit a short narrative report detailing the time and funding required for completing the project as well as any challenges or lessons learned. This report is due no later than October 30, 2017.

Please be aware the approval process for Collection Application can take between one and three weeks. If your project has not already been approved, you should plan to submit your MMP Collection application no later than November 15, 2017 to ensure it is approved before the application deadline.



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## More Makerspace Magic

We pickled green beans at Whitefish Middle School. I've [sent along a document](#) I used to learn about it and share some things with students. One of the jars didn't "pop." We will have them on display in the library for the two-week curing time and then revisit the food safety issues associated with home canning. I got 26 donated jars and bought new lids and rings. The sugar, salt, dill, vinegar beans, and lids cost about \$30. The most exciting thing about this project is even a failure will be a teachable moment.—From Dana Carmichael, [Whitefish Middle School](#) Library.

### Join an Online PLC!— [mtpportal.org](http://mtpportal.org)

- **Montana's Online Writing Professional Learning Community (PLC)** is a live webinar that takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. It is a place for teachers in all content areas and from across Montana to collaborate and share best practices for teaching writing, ask questions, and participate in shared writing activities.
- **Intersections: A Virtual Math Community.** Math teachers all across Montana are working through everyday teaching issues like homework, grading, behavior management, planning, grouping, student engagement, Meets every second Wednesday at 3:45
- **Teaching Montana History Online PLC.** Join fellow teachers and staff at the Montana Historical Society to share ideas, discuss ways to overcome obstacles, and discover new resources to improve your Montana history class. Every second Monday at 4:00.
- Science PLC Coming in October!

## Have Something to Share?

Send photos, stories or links to [cbartow@mt.gov](mailto:cbartow@mt.gov)

**Montana Teacher Librarian Online PLC**  
every third Monday (except December) at 4:00 p.m.—see the [OPI Professional Learning Opportunities Portal](#) for meeting information.

# eBooks for Schools

*Tuesday, October 11—3:30*

Please save the date if you are interested in learning more about OverDrive's downloadable e-book and audiobook group options for K-12 schools in Montana. Herb Miller, representative for OverDrive Education, has scheduled an online information and Q&A session in advance of the K-12 eBooks group meeting that will take place at the MEA-MFT Educators' Conference.

*Thursday, October 20—8:30 to 4:00*

At the MEA-MFT Educators' Conference, school libraries who have expressed interest in joining a statewide eBook consortium will be discussing next steps. Prior to this meeting, the Montana State Library representatives met with interested libraries during several informational meetings, collected pertinent information about these libraries, and collected purchasing information from vendors. The intention of this all day meeting will not be to gather interest, but rather to establish policies, a funding formula, and a timeline of implementation.

For questions, contact Joanne Didriksen, Helena High School—[jdidriksen@helenaschools.org](mailto:jdidriksen@helenaschools.org) or Dana Carmichael, Whitefish Middle School—[carmichaeld@whitefishschools.org](mailto:carmichaeld@whitefishschools.org)

## Join the OverDrive Meeting

Tuesday, October 11

3:30

To join the meeting:

- [www.readytalk.com](http://www.readytalk.com)
- passcode: 5736181
- Phone: 866-740-1260
- Access Code: 5736181

## Election and Civics Resources

*iCivics*—curriculum experts have assembled a great collection of resources to help you teach the upcoming election cycle and get your students excited about our democracy! We have organized our content into clusters to help you find exactly what you are looking for. [https://www.icivics.org/election\\_resources\\_2016](https://www.icivics.org/election_resources_2016)

*OPI Civics for Educators*—These resources provide you with materials for classroom instruction, discussion of current events, and ideas for service learning opportunities. <http://opi.mt.gov/civics/>

*Montana Secretary of State Election Quick Links*—Find out about elections in Montana. <http://sos.mt.gov/Elections/index.asp>

*Student Guide to the Montana Legislature*—The Legislative Services Division publishes *A Student's Guide to the Montana Legislature*, a 48-page booklet for anyone wanting basic information about the way the Montana Legislature works and how best to get involved in the legislative process. <http://leg.mt.gov/css/For-the-Classroom/Student-Guide/Default.asp>





## HELENA HIGH SCHOOL MAKERSPACE

Joanne Didriksen and Kate Peterson are creating a welcoming and well-organized Makerspace in the Helena High School Library. Learn more about the [HHS Library](#).